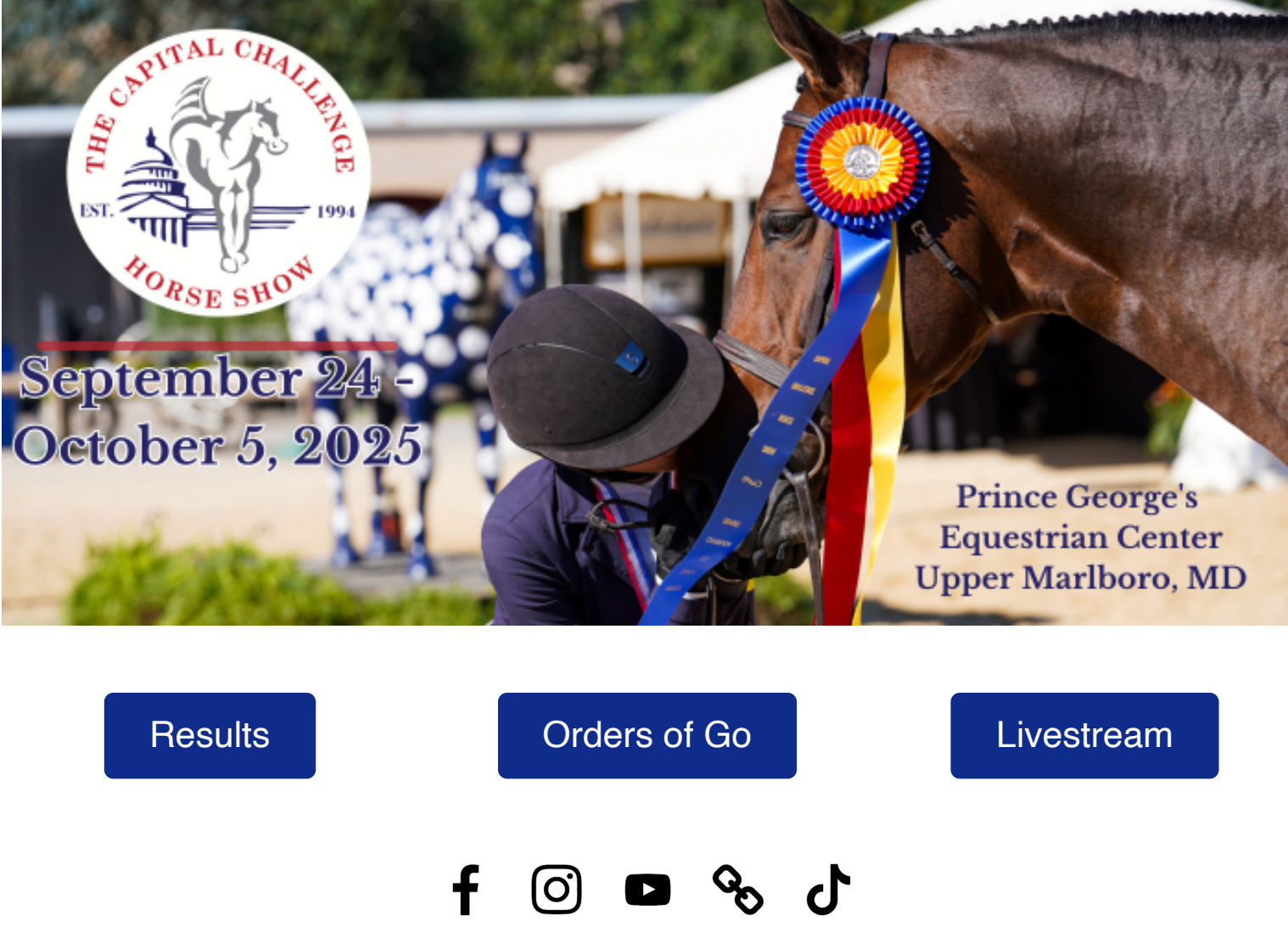
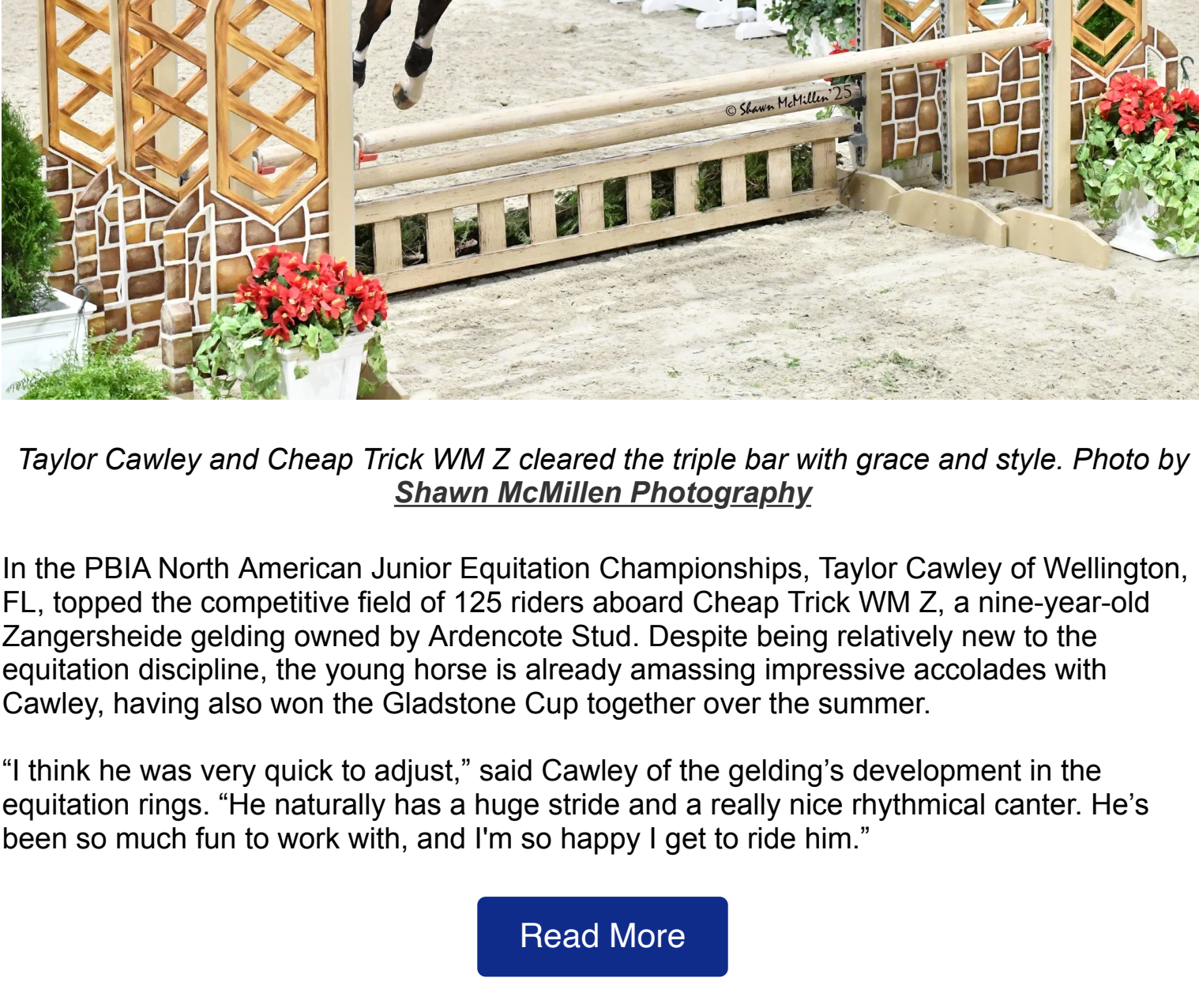


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Taylor Cawley Dominated PBIA North American Junior Equitation Championships

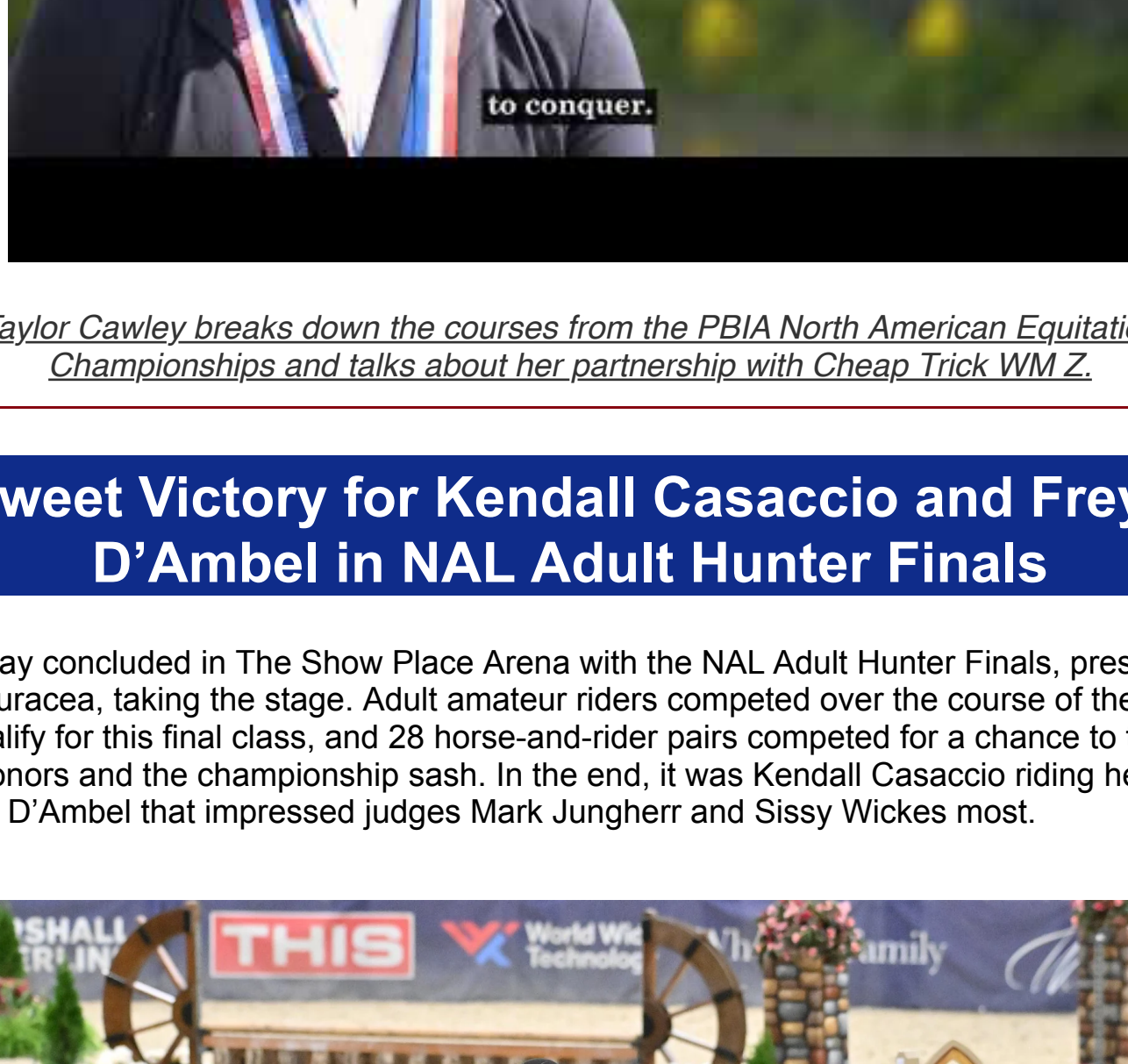
September 28, 2025 – Upper Marlboro, MD – The 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show Equitation Showcase, presented by [BIGEQ.com](#), concluded on Sunday, September 28, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with the [Palm Beach International Academy \(PBIA\)](#) North American Junior Equitation Championships and the \$10,000 [North American League \(NAL\)](#) Adult Hunter Finals, presented by Lauracea.



Taylor Cawley and Cheap Trick WM Z cleared the triple bar with grace and style. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#).

In the PBIA North American Junior Equitation Championships, Taylor Cawley of Wellington, FL, topped the competitive field of 125 riders aboard Cheap Trick WM Z, a nine-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned by Ardencote Stud. Despite being relatively new to the equitation discipline, the young horse is already amassing impressive accolades with Cawley, having also won the Gladstone Cup together over the summer.

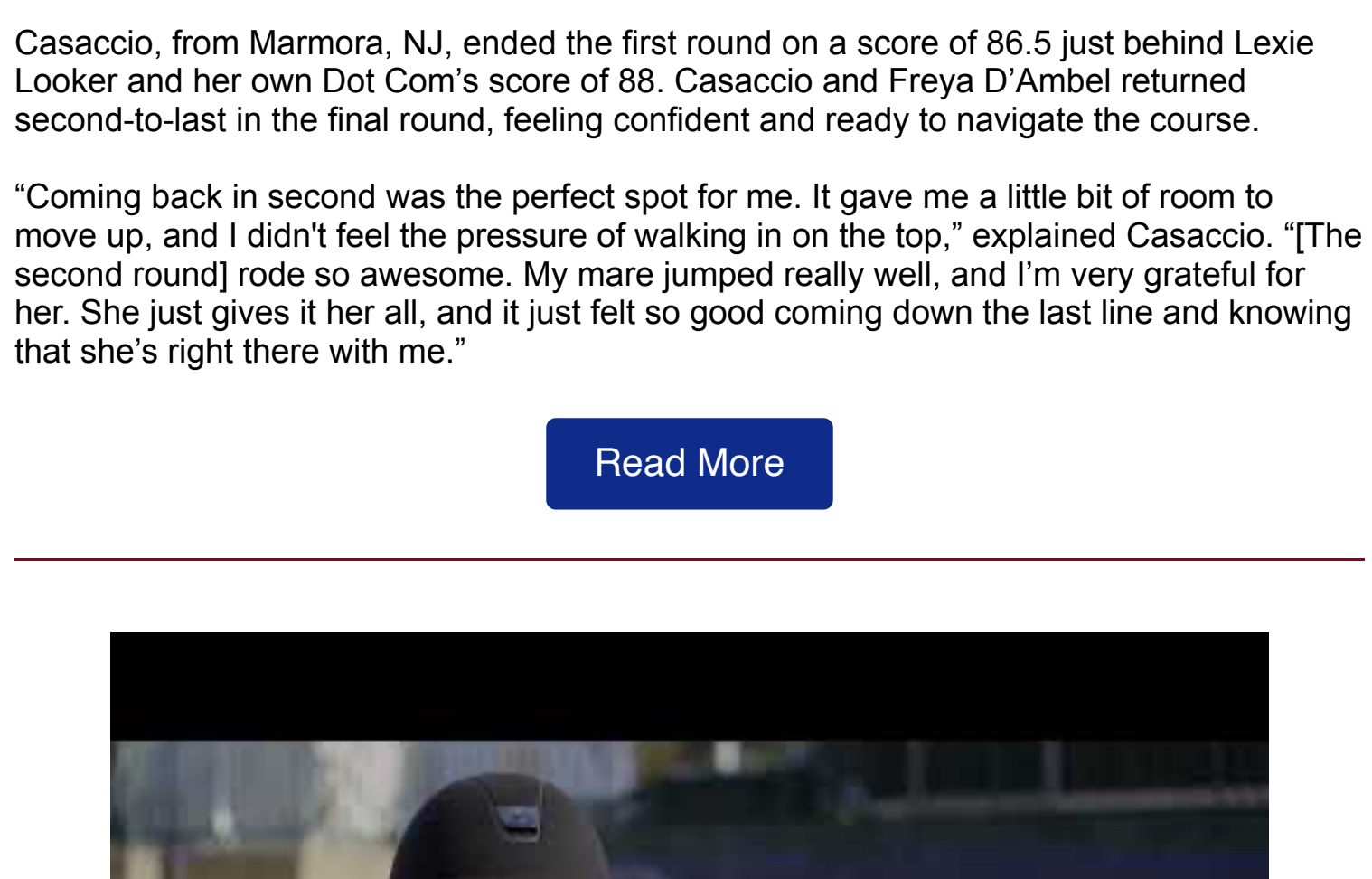
"I think he was very quick to adjust," said Cawley of the gelding's development in the equitation rings. "He naturally has a huge stride and a really nice rhythmic canter. He's been so much fun to work with, and I'm so happy I get to ride him."

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Taylor Cawley breaks down the courses from the PBIA North American Equitation Championships and talks about her partnership with Cheap Trick WM Z.

Sweet Victory for Kendall Casaccio and Freya D'Ambel in NAL Adult Hunter Finals

The day concluded in The Show Place Arena with the NAL Adult Hunter Finals, presented by Lauracea, taking the stage. Adult amateur riders competed over the course of the year to qualify for this final class, and 28 horse-and-rider pairs competed for a chance to take top honors and the championship sash. In the end, it was Kendall Casaccio riding her own Freya D'Ambel that impressed judges Mark Jungherr and Sissy Wickes most.



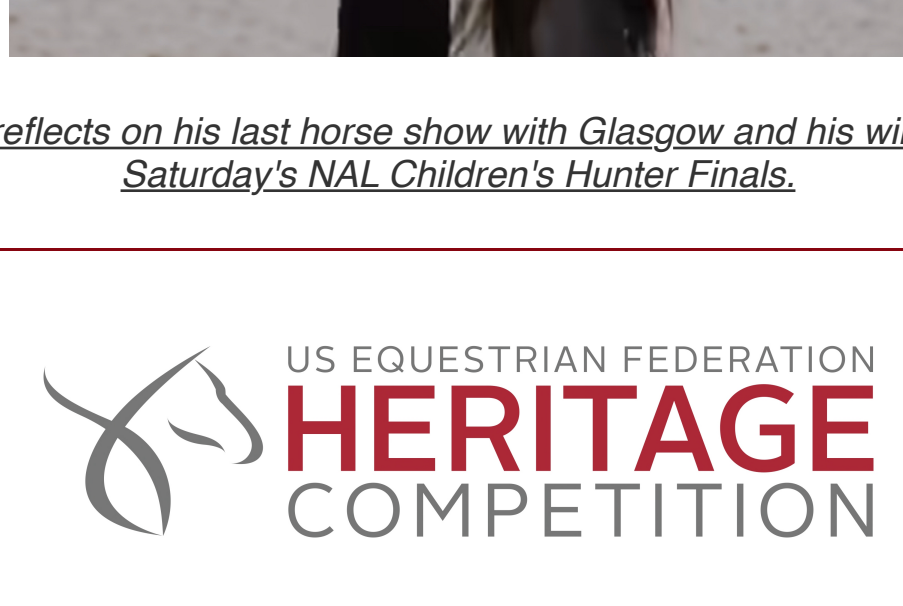
The partnership between Kendall Casaccio and her own Freya D'Ambel shined in the NAL Adult Hunter Finals. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#).

Casaccio, from Marmora, NJ, ended the first round on a score of 86.5 just behind Lexie Looker and her own Dot Com's score of 88. Casaccio and Freya D'Ambel returned second-to-last in the final round, feeling confident and ready to navigate the course.

"Coming back in second was the perfect spot for me. It gave me a little bit of room to move up, and I didn't feel the pressure of walking in on the top," explained Casaccio. "[The second round] rode so awesome. My mare jumped really well, and I'm very grateful for her. She just gives it her all, and it just felt so good coming down the last line and knowing that she's right there with me."

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Kendall Casaccio talks about her win in the NAL Adult Hunter Finals and shares how her partnership with Freya D'Ambel has helped her rediscover a love for the hunter ring.



George Kelly reflects on his last horse show with Glasgow and his winning rounds in Saturday's NAL Children's Hunter Finals.

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About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2025 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 24-October 5. The 12 days of competition include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.

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